



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/698,961  
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Applicant: Sivakumar Ramasamy, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3677  
Examiner: Jeffrey Sharp  
Title: BREAK AWAY FASTENING SYSTEM  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

During a phone conference with the Examiner on November 26, 2004, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute invention I, drawn to a weldable fastener pertinent to Claims 1-18 and 23-47. Applicants hereby affirm this election.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a Fee Transmittal authorizing the use of Deposit Account Number 02-2550 with this response.

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